

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1951–S1999

Measures Introduced: Sixty-nine bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1131–1199, S.J. Res. 17, and S. Res. 157–163.

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Measures Passed:

Hiring of Robert Montgomery “Bobby” Knight Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 157, honoring the 50th anniversary of hiring Robert Montgomery “Bobby” Knight as the Head Coach of the men’s basketball team at Indiana University. **Pages S1975–76**

Partnership between the United States and the Republic of Ecuador: Senate agreed to S. Res. 22, reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Republic of Ecuador and recognizing the restoration and advancement of economic relations, security, and development opportunities in both nations. **Page S1994**

Partnership between the United States and Mongolia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 36, reaffirming the strategic partnership between the United States and Mongolia and recognizing the 30th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1995–96**

San Isidro Movement in Cuba: Senate agreed to S. Res. 37, expressing solidarity with the San Isidro Movement in Cuba, condemning escalated attacks against artistic freedoms in Cuba, and calling for the repeal of laws that violate freedom of expression and the immediate release of arbitrarily detained artists, journalists, and activists, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S1996–98**

National Park Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 159, designating the week of April 17, 2021, through April 25, 2021, as “National Park Week”. **Page S1998**

Commending and congratulating the Stanford University Cardinal women’s basketball team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 160, commending and con-

gratulating the Stanford University Cardinal women’s basketball team on winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I women’s basketball championship. **Page S1998**

Commending and congratulating the Baylor University Men’s Basketball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 161, commending and congratulating the Baylor University Men’s Basketball Team on winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I men’s basketball championship. **Page S1998**

National Assistive Technology Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 162, designating April 14, 2021, as “National Assistive Technology Awareness Day”. **Page S1998**

Death of former Senator William “Bill” Emerson Brock III: Senate agreed to S. Res. 163, relating to the death of the Honorable William “Bill” Emerson Brock III, former United States Senator for the State of Tennessee. **Page S1998**

Measures Considered:

COVID–19 Hate Crimes Act: Senate began consideration of S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID–19 hate crimes, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S1953–56**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the bill at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 19, 2021. **Page S1998**

Appointments:

Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101–595, and further amended by Public Law 113–281, and upon the recommendation of the Ranking Member of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, re-appointed the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Senators Wicker and Sullivan. **Page S1998**

National Council on Disability: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 93–112, as amended

by Public Law 112–166, and further amended by Public Law 113–128, reappointed the following individual to serve as a member of the National Council on Disability: Andres J. Gallegos of Illinois.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order that declares a national emergency with respect to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States posed by specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–7)

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Gupta Nomination: By 49 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 152), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination Vanita Gupta, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice.

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By 49 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 153), Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the nomination, from the Committee on the Judiciary. Subsequently, the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 27, relative to Senate procedure in the 117th Congress.

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Monaco Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, April 15, 2021, a vote on cloture will occur at approximately 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 19, 2021.

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 19, 2021; and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination; that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be considered expired, and the vote on confirmation of the nomination occur at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consulta-

tion with the Republican Leader on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

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Gensler Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Susanna V. Blume, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense.

Christine Elizabeth Wormuth, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Army.

Meera Joshi, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Tommy P. Beaudreau, of Alaska, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Jonathan Davidson, of Maryland, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Lily Lawrence Batchelder, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Robert Luis Santos, of Texas, to be Director of the Census for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2021.

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Christine Abizaid, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Ur Mendoza Jaddou, of California, to be Director of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

Christopher H. Schroeder, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Attorney General.

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Vanita Gupta, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, which was sent to the Senate on January 20, 2021, from the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. **Page S1999**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1994**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—153) **Pages S1957, S1977**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1998.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FUTURE CYBERSECURITY ARCHITECTURES

Committee on Armed Services: On Wednesday, April 14, 2021, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded a hearing to examine future cybersecurity architectures, after receiving testimony from David McKeown, Senior Information Security Officer/Chief Information Officer for Cybersecurity, Department of Defense, and Rear Admiral William E. Chase III, USN, Senior Military Advisor for Cyber Policy to the Under Secretary for Policy/Deputy Principal Cyber Advisor to the Secretary, both of the Department of Defense; and Robert E. Joyce, Director of Cybersecurity, National Security Agency.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported one nomination in the Navy.

FAST ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine public transportation infrastructure investment and FAST Act Reauthorization, including S. 940, to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a National Transit Frontline Workforce Training Center, and S. 267, to increase the Federal share of operating costs

for certain projects that receive grants under the Formula Grants to Rural Areas Program of the Federal Transit Administration, after receiving testimony from Darryl Haley, Southwest Ohio Regional Transportation Authority, Cincinnati; John Samuelsen, Transportation Workers Union of America, AFL–CIO, Beth Osborne, Transportation for America, and David Ditch, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; and Baruch Feigenbaum, Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, California.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the cost of inaction on climate change, after receiving testimony from Robert B. Litterman, Chair, Climate-Related Market Risk Subcommittee, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; David Wallace-Wells, *New York*, and Joseph E. Stiglitz, Columbia University, both of New York, New York; George Oliver, Johnson Controls, Glendale, Wisconsin; and Richard J. Powell, ClearPath Inc., Washington, D.C.

COMMUNICATING TRUSTED VACCINE INFORMATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Communication, Media, and Broadband concluded a hearing to examine communicating trusted vaccine information, after receiving testimony from former Senator Gordon H. Smith, National Association of Broadcasters, Washington, D.C.; Tracie Collins, New Mexico Department of Health Secretary, Santa Fe; and Yonaira M. Rivera, Rutgers University School of Communication and Information, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

AMERICAN ENERGY INNOVATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the leading role of the Department of Energy in American energy innovation and how its research, development, demonstration, and deployment programs may be enhanced to further boost the economic competitiveness of the United States, after receiving testimony from Thomas Mason, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Paul M. Dabbar, Bohr Quantum Technologies, Scarsdale, New York; Sarah Ladislav, RMI, U.S. Program, Washington, D.C.; and Lara M. Pierpoint, Actuate, Oakland, California.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Andrea Joan Palm, of Wisconsin, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Baldwin, and Chiquita Brooks-